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With reference to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2002, applicant elects Group I without traverse. A Petition for 3-Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, extending the time for response through Monday, February 3, 2003. If any additional time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested. If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, please take such fees from Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. **01-2213 (Order No. 4460US)**.

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